

Remarks

By way of this Amendment, claims 1-8 and 12 are pending. Claims 9-11 have been canceled.

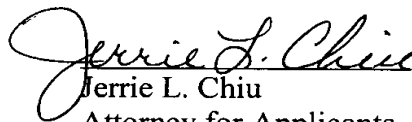
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees due with this amendment to deposit account number 13-3372. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-3964.

Respectfully submitted,

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